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The primary mission of the DEQ's non-regulatory Small Business & Small Community Assistance Program is to provide important environmental regulatory assistance to small businesses and to provide environmental regulatory information to small communities.

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EPA announces final rule for dry cleaners

EPA announced on July 13, 2006 that it had finalized amendments to its 1993 regulations for perchloroethylene cleaners. Cleaners amended regulations cover large industrial drycleaners as well as smaller neighborhood cleaners and those located in apartment buildings. For residential buildings, cleaners final rule requires the phase-out of perc machines as they wear out. By 2020, dry cleaning machines in residential buildings are prohibited from using perc; they may continue to operate if they use alternative technologies. In the interim, owners of perc machines will use enhanced technology to detect and repair leaks as they occur. The final rule will also require dry cleaners to use more sophisticated methods to detect and re-

pair perc emissions from large and commercial dry cleaners and small dry cleaners often found in shopping centers.

Under the Clean Air Act, perc is one of 187 pollutants EPA regulates as air toxics, also known as hazardous air pollutants. Air toxics are pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer and other serious health problems. Since the implementation of EPA's 1993 air toxics standards, dry cleaners have reduced perc emissions by about 15,000 tons through increased use of alternative solvents, replacement of older dry cleaning machines and state and industry programs to improve efficiency and reduce perc use. Nationwide, approximately 28,000 dry cleaners use perc.

For more information on the rule: epa.gov/air/drycleaningrule

Community and Industry Relations

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The Community and Industry Relations group works closely with the SBSCAP to improve communication between government, communities, neighboring industries and stakeholders. The CIR strives to help citizens and neighborhood groups participate in regulatory processes. CIR staff has been touring with the SBSCAP to regional DEQ areas to educate small businesses and communities about our program. Beginning in November, the CIR will be hosting a series of Regional Listening Sessions to address environmental issues in Louisiana communities. We also encourage any industrial facility, federal facility or parish/municipal governmental unit committed to pollution prevention to participate in the Environmental Leadership Program.

Information about the CIR is available on the DEQ website. To contact us, please call (225)219-0877.

Announcing....

"Stormwater construction permit inspector training and MS-4 internal audit training program"

Where: Shreveport, LA

When: October 24-25, 2006

Who Should Attend: Cities and communities especially those with EPA MS-4 stormwater permits; DEQ stormwater inspectors.

Instructors: EPA Region 6 Storm Water Team.

To register: call Larry Lashley 318-676-5088 or email him at: larry.lashley@la.gov.

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Are you aware of DEQ's internet services to the public?

Public records

The public may now access DEQ's public records from their home, office or anywhere they have Internet access. DEQ developed a new Internet-based search tool, the Electronic Document Management System or EDMS, which allows access outside of DEQ. DEQ launched a six-month EDMS pilot program August 1, 2006. During this time, the public can search, display and print documents dated from July 1, 2005, to the present, with the exception of radiation related documents. Go to DEQ's web site at: www.deq.louisiana.gov. For assistance or further information in accessing documents, please call 225-219-5337 or 1-866-896-5337.

Library

The DEQ library is available as a resource for environmental information useful to small businesses and small communities.

To access, go to the DEQ website: www.deq.louisiana.gov. From the menu, select "services" and click on "library." Their email address is deqlibrary@la.gov.

Reminders

October

24-25th - Stormwater MS-4s Training with EPA; Shreveport

26th - UST Training-Lafayette; 8-12Noon; call 225.219.3713

28th - DMRs (Semi-annual & Quarterly)

November

14th - UST Training-Alaexandria; 8-12Noon; call 225.219.3713

December

12th - UST Training Lake Charles; 1-5pm; call 225.219.3713



The **Louisiana 2007 Dry Cleaner Compliance and Small Business Reporting Calendars** will be available on the SBSCAP's web site in late December, 2006. To download the calendars, go to www.deq.louisiana.gov, click on the menu "programs," scroll down and click on "Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program," then scroll down the page to "calendars."

Do you need a speaker at your next safety meeting?



SB/SCAP engineers are available to speak at your next safety meeting on environmental issues that may impact your business. Call us at:

1-800-259-2890

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